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SENATE PASSES WARBOND MEASURE WITHOUT DISSENT

Seven Billion Dollar War Chest Is Provided in Record Time.

ALLIES WILL GET ENORMOUS LOAN

Only Question Was Whether Greater Amount of Money Might Not Be Raised by Taxation Instead of by Issuance of Bonds.

Washington, April 17.—The war finance bill, providing for the issuance of \$7,000,000,000 the largest single war budget in any nation's history, was passed unanimously tonight by the senate.

After seven hours' discussion, the administration measure which was passed by the house last Saturday, and which provides for a loan of \$3,000,000,000, for the allies, was approved with few changes, in record time.

The amendments may necessitate conference, but may be accepted by the house. In either case, the executive branch of the government will, within a few hours, have authorization for the great war chest at its disposal. To expedite action, the senate tonight appointed conferees to act with the house, if the house did not, contrary to expectations, accept the changes.

Vote Cast Solidly.

Of the 84 senators present, every one, including all those who voted against war, except Blaine, of Oregon, absent because of illness, recorded themselves in favor of providing the fund. Nearly all the absentees were ill. That, in the inability of the nation to supply men at once for the fighting line, money should be America's immediate aid to the allies, was the determined thought expressed in the debate. Few senators participated in the discussion, which was devoid of partisan expression.

Every senator said he would aid the government to push the war. Only two, Borah and Cummins, opposed the allies' loan. A few favored raising a larger proportion by taxation, and less through bonds.

Amendments adopted by the senate include provisions limiting deposits of proceeds from the bonds in banks, to the amount subscribed by the banks and their depositors; permitting deposit of proceeds in state banks and trust companies, as well as federal reserve banks; providing for exchange of the bonds for the issue for bonds subsequently issued at higher interest rates; requiring the secretary of the treasury to report expenditures of the bond proceeds annually; and exempting the two billion treasury indebtedness certificates authorized from all taxation except estate and inheritance levies.

Get Advice of Bankers.

With the passage of the bill, treasury department officials turned their attention to details of policy yet to be settled in the actual issuance of the bonds. While the senate still debated, Secretary McAdoo held an informal conference with members of the advisory council of the federal reserve board, including J. P. Morgan, who were holding their quarterly meeting here. The members of the council Secretary McAdoo announced his intention of taking counsel with financial experts as to the steps to be followed. In their individual capacities, the visitors were requested to submit suggestions to the secretary. The council discussed the matter today, and will take it up again tomorrow.

MACHINISTS TALK HIGH LIVING COST

One new member was taken in at the meeting of the Machinists union at the Labor temple last night. Talks were made on the high cost of living. Speakers announced they are contemplating asking all local unions and individuals to investigate and see where the food is held up, and then to take the matter up and see if conditions cannot be remedied so smaller people can live more comfortably.

LOCAL BOY IN NAVY.

Laurie Fairweather, formerly a messenger boy for the Western Union Telegraph company, has enlisted in the United States navy, and is now at Natural Bridge, Va., where he has been receiving training. He will go to Newport News, Va., in a few days to join a ship's crew.

The Weather

Wednesday, generally cloudy; Thursday, unsettled.

ALLIES' FORCES PRESS FORWARD, AGAINST TEUTONS

French Forces Make Irresistible Attacks, Capturing Strong Positions.

GERMANS ADMIT FRENCH VICTORS

Berlin Communication States Fighting Now Under Way Is Greatest in History of War—Russians Defeat Counted Attack.

(Associated Press Summary.)

The offensive of the French forces in the southern part of the battle front in France goes on unabated and is resulting in further important gains, a continuation of which menaces the German front from Lens to Soissons.

Tuesday's fighting witnessed an extension of the line of attacks well through the Champagne, where evidence of its coming had been presaged by days of violent bombardment. The attacks of the French were irresistible. South of Moron Villiers, first line German positions over a front of 9 1-3 miles were taken, and east and southeast strongly organized lines on a front of nearly 8 miles were captured.

The village of Bauperrize likewise fell into the hands of the French, as also did a strongly fortified salient south of Sully.

German counter attacks were without result. Near Mount Parnillez, an especially violent rush was broken up by French guns and in this sector more than 2,500 Germans were made prisoners. Midway between Soissons and Rheims, another counter attack was repulsed, while near Courcy, north of Rheims, was put down by the Russians guarding this part of the line. 13,500 Germans have been made prisoners in two days' fighting, 11,000 in Monday's attack, says Paris.

The latest official communication from Berlin says French efforts to break through German lines failed, and that there had been no renewal of attacks. A previous communication describes the battle as one of the greatest in the history of the war. It is admitted that under a terrific bombardment between the Oise and the Conde sur Aisne, the French shells severed German positions and produced great equators, rendering defense no longer possible. Besides the French suffering sanguinary losses, the Germans took more than 2,500 prisoners, it said.

West and northwest of Lens, the British are still pressing the Germans and holding back the attempts by the Germans to drive in their advance guard. Further progress has been made by the British in the neighborhood of the Hadincourt wood, lying midway between Arras and St. Quentin.

No important changes in position occurred in other theaters, except in Mesopotamia, where the British, on the right bank of the Tigris, have reached a point 75 miles northwest of Baghdad and are keeping up their advance against the Turks, who have fallen back without resistance. The British are within 10 miles of Samarra, on the railway.

WILSON INSISTS DRAFT MEASURE MUST BE PASSED

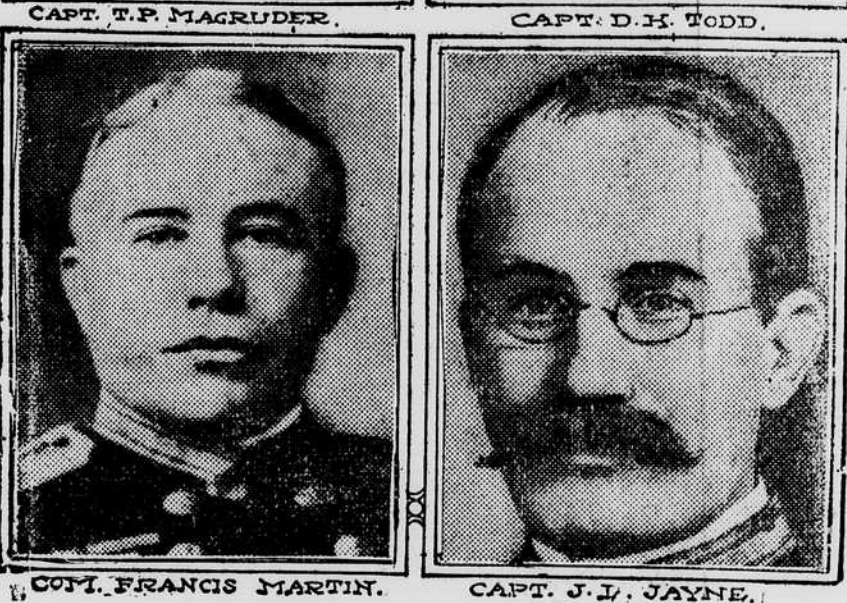
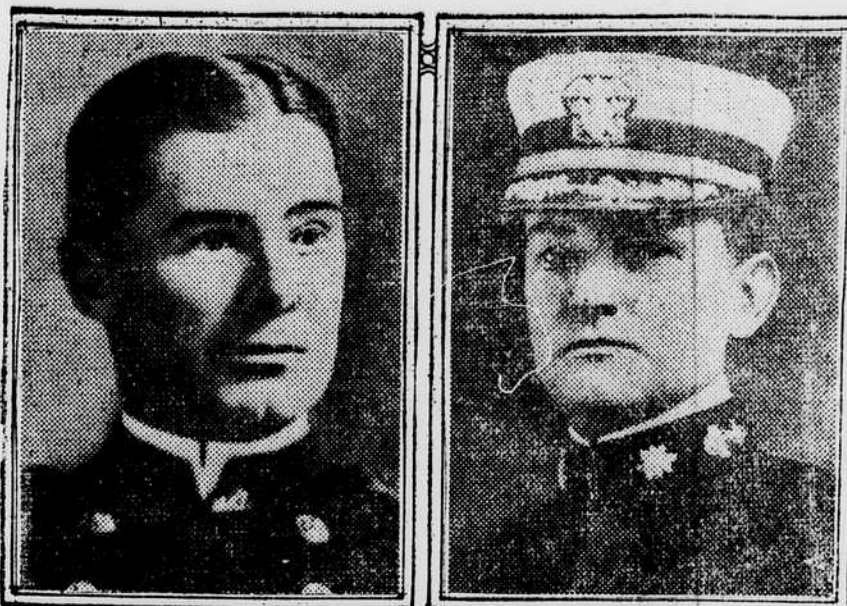
Intends to Put Opponents to the Measure On Record Before Country.

Washington, April 17.—Determined efforts to hasten action in congress on the administration war army bill, with its selective draft provision, were begun today by President Wilson and Secretary Baker. They take the position that further delay will endanger the war plans.

The president discussed the situation at length with the house military committee, and later called in Representatives Mann and Lenroot, the Republican leaders of the house. Secretary Baker appeared twice before the house military committee, the second time at a night session.

Opposition to the draft, principle, especially among house Democrats, was taken up at the cabinet meeting and afterwards of the administration would be concentrated on the passage of the measure. The president is understood to be determined upon forcing opponents of the general staff plan out in the open, so that the country will have an opportunity of judging whether they are in the right. The senate military committee voted favorably today on the selective draft feature, and will report the bill tomorrow.

Prominent Officers of the Navy



These are some of the officers, seldom heard of by the public, who will have important commands when the naval campaign against Germany is put into effect. They are Captain T. P. Magruder, commander of the naval militia division stationed at Washington; Commander Francis Martin, of the Bureau of Ordnance, navy department, Washington; Captain D. H. Todd, director of naval communication radio stations, and Captain J. L. Jayne, commanding the naval aeronautic station, Pensacola, Fla.

Russian Ambassador Asks His Successor Be Named

Washington, April 17.—George Bakhmeteff, Russian ambassador to the United States since 1911, cabled the provisional government at Petrograd today that he had decided to relinquish the office, and asked that some one be named to take charge of the embassy.

He is a member of the old imperial regime, and his separation from the new democratic government has been a foregone conclusion.

Only today it became known that Baron Rosen, Mr. Bakhmeteff's predecessor, probably would consent to succeed him, if he is not already en route to Washington.

Personnel of Staff for Paper to Be Issued by Students Announced

List of Assignments Shows Pine Bluff to Be Treated to Something Unusual in Newspaper Work—Copies Already Being Ordered.

The issue of The Graphic to be published next Monday by the members of the senior class of the Pine Bluff High school, assisted by representatives from other classes in that institution and at the ward schools, promises to be the newest and most interesting issue of a newspaper issued here, as well as one that will attract wide and favorable attention throughout the country from newspaper trade and school publications.

The students have organized like old-timers, and are going about their work with the vim of youth and the method of experience. The issue is to be entirely independent of the regular publication, being entirely in the hands of the students who are now soliciting orders for copies of the paper, and will deliver them only to those who subscribe especially for this issue. The Graphic is acting only as publication agent, giving what aid its force can in directing the energies of the students, but will have no control over the circulation of the issue of May 23.

Because of the novelty of the plan, the value of this issue as an advertising medium and as a news publication, and the cause for which the students have undertaken the work it is expected that the financial support will be liberal and encouraging. As an advertising medium this paper will be unsurpassed because it is going into thousands of homes to stay; because it will be read from "kiver to kiver" by all in the family. Each article is to be signed by the student who obtained and prepared the information, and the assignments indicate that the paper will be "chock full" of news and interesting features.

Miss Frances Howell has been named managing editor, and will direct the editorial department. Doc McCain was chosen business manager, and will have as his department heads Harry McIntyre, advertising manager, and Norman Williams, circulation manager.

Leonard Jones is to be city editor.

EARL CARTER GETS \$2,000 JUDGMENT AGAINST ALLEN

Federal Jury Finds for Plaintiff in Suit Growing Out of Shooting.

NEITHER SIDE TO SUIT SATISFIED

Plaintiff's Attorney Says He Expected Verdict for Larger Amount, While Counsel for Defendant Announces Appeal Will Be Taken.

Little Rock, April 17.—Earl Carter of Louisiana was awarded judgment against J. W. Allen of Pine Bluff for \$2,000 by a jury in the federal district court here this afternoon, as damages because of wounds suffered by Carter when he was shot by defendant at Pine Bluff several months ago.

The testimony in the suit for \$30,000 and arguments of counsel were heard yesterday. Judge Jacob Tricker charged the jury this morning, instructing they could take into consideration the attack on Allen by Carter several years ago, and other circumstances concerning which testimony was given.

The jury's verdict was rendered late this afternoon.

Proposes to Appeal.

Both sides to the litigation were disappointed at the outcome. Attorney J. M. Shaw, representing Carter, declared he expected a judgment for a larger amount, and Attorney H. K. Toney and T. Davis Nixon, representing Allen, asserted they had been confident that the jury's award would be in favor of their client. Mr. Toney said Allen would appeal from the judgment.

Jim Allen, defendant in the case, is to be tried in the circuit court here on Monday, April 25, on indictments charging assault to kill and carrying a pistol as a result of the wounding of Carter, the circumstances of which are familiar to Pine Bluff people.

REPORT STRIKERS RETURN TO WORK BERLIN PLANTS

Dispatches at Copenhagen Say Police Broke Up Demonstrations.

Amsterdam, via London, April 17.—Advices from Berlin say work was resumed today in a majority of the factories which were idle yesterday.

Copenhagen, via London, April 17.—News of the strike in Berlin made a deep impression among Russians here, who saw in the demonstration the beginning of the German revolution for the overthrow of the Hohenzollern dynasty and the restoration of peace.

However, persons from Berlin declare too much importance should not be attached to the matter. All Berlin dispatches bear evidence of a rigid censorship. It is evident from them that Unter der Linden and other principal streets were closed to traffic for the time.

The police followed their usual tactics of gradually splitting up the parade. All accounts show that the strikers met in a series of meetings, at which identical resolutions on peace and the government food policy were adopted. After the meeting, parade demonstrations were started, which strike organizers endeavored to bring together in a great massed procession at the palace. Police measures prevented this, but some of the demonstrators took advantage of the noon guardmount, to gather before the guardhouse on Unter der Linden, and raise cheers, after the Petrograd precedent, for the troops.

No mention of serious disorder is made.

The Politiken Berlin correspondent expresses the belief, perhaps, with foreign office assistance, that the strike was a temporary measure and would last only one day.

BERRIES BRINGING LARGER RETURNS

Alma, April 17.—The first Arkansas strawberries of the 1917 season were shipped today from Alma, Dyer and Mountainburg.

Growers are receiving approximately \$2 per crate more for the berries than they received last season.

Australia is contemplating the construction of a harbor at the mouth of the Murray river that may create a port rivaling Sidney in importance.

IMPROVEMENT OF FOURTH AVENUE BEFORE ROTARY

Club Committee Will Determine How Organization May Assist.

CHICAGO ATTORNEY COMPLIMENTS BELL

Pine Bluff Boy Who Is Now General Counsel for Rock Island Had Remarkable Rise—Six New Members Admitted.

The proposed improvement of Fourth avenue, under the plan by which the Iron Mountain is to bear about half the cost, was approved by the Rotary club at the meeting last night, and the public affairs committee was instructed to determine how the club could best aid in bringing about the proposed parking and paving of the thoroughfare. This committee is composed of Mr. W. J. Parkes, chairman; George H. Adams, H. I. Holderness, W. L. Matthews, and R. R. McIntyre.

The action was taken after Mayor Bloom, present by invitation, and Mayor Parkes, who has assisted in devising a plan whereby the work can be accomplished at a minimum of expense to the property-owners, had explained that it is proposed to have in the center of the avenue a parkway, to be planted with flowers, shrubbery and lawn grass and maintained by the railroad; to substitute ornamental light posts and lamps for those now used, and to pave with asphalt a driveway of 18 or 20 feet on each side of the Parkway. Mayor Bloom stated the Iron Mountain has agreed to pay the cost of the curbing and laying pavement at the ten crossings, more than half of the total work; that the remainder could be constructed for \$25,000, and the council would contribute \$7,000 toward the improvement, leaving about \$18,000 to be borne by the owners of property abutting on the avenue. Mr. Bloom estimated that 150,000 passengers are carried through the street annually by the railroads, and told of the difference in the impressions of Pine Bluff left on the minds of these travelers formed from the present condition of the street, and the appearance when the improvements are completed.

Major Parke considered that Mayor Bloom had obtained from the railroad a very favorable offer, pointing out that the low cost to the property owners would be because of the railroad.

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WILL OFFER BILL FOR RIVER WORK AT THIS SESSION

President Will Approve the Measure if Commission Is Provided for Therein.

Washington, April 17.—A general rivers and harbors bill, carrying \$33,000,000, will be introduced at the special session of congress, Chairman Small of the rivers and harbors committee announced tonight.

Decision to do so was reached after a conference between President Wilson and Senator Fletcher, chairman of the commerce committee, Representative Ransdell of Louisiana and Representative Small, and conferences between the congressmen and Secretary Baker.

The president, it is learned, gave as a condition of his approval that the bill contain provision for a departmental commission of cabinet members, to study harbors and waterways. The commission will comprise the secretaries of war, interior, agriculture and commerce. Mr. Small said the bill more than likely will carry about the same amount as one which passed the house at the last session, but which failed in the senate, and which included \$6,000,000 for flood control.

FEDERAL OFFICERS ARE UNDER CHARGES

San Francisco, April 17.—Joseph A. Scott, United States internal revenue collector for the first district of California, and his brother, Andrew C. Scott, chief deputy collector, were suspended from duty tonight, pending the investigation of secret charges made against them.

The dry season range of temperature in Cuba is from 60 to 85 degrees. Chinese have discovered a great bed of coal in places 233 feet thick, in North Manchuria.

DESTROYER SAYS SUB-BOAT TRIED TO TORPEDO HER

U. S. S. Smith Makes Official Report to That Effect to Navy Department.

LOOKOUT MIGHT HAVE SEEN FISH

Washington Sends Out Formal Warning to All Steamships of Probable Presence of Enemy Warships North Atlantic Coast.

Washington, April 17.—Warning of the probable presence of German submarines was sent broadcast to all ships early today, upon receipt of a report from the destroyer Smith that a torpedo had crossed her bows during the night.

Following is a statement issued by the navy department:

"Reported from Fire Island light-ship, and naval station at Boston and at New York 3:30 a. m., on the 17th, that enemy submarine was sighted by the United States navy ship Smith, running apparently submerged. Submarine fired torpedo at Smith, which missed her by 30 yards. Wake of the torpedo was plainly seen, crossing bows. Submarine disappeared."

No further word came from the Smith tonight. Navy officials, some of whom are strongly inclined to believe the lookout was mistaken in his belief that he saw the wake of a torpedo, are awaiting with keen interest further reports received late today at Boston.

The instance served to illustrate the fact that a rigid patrol has been established off the Atlantic coast. No details of its operations have been made public.

May Have Been Fish.

Boston, April 17.—The war was brought to the shores of this country today when the United States destroyer Smith reported by radio that an enemy submarine had tried to torpedo her, 100 miles south of New York, at 3:30 this a. m.

Additional reports from the destroyer tonight were forwarded to Washington. Nothing official was made public here.

The suggestion that the lookout had mistaken a large fish for a torpedo, in the uncertain light of the early morning, met with the reply that the Smith's officers "stood by their original statement."

Whether the swift destroyer dashed for the spot where the u-boat was thought to be lurking, was not made known by those who had seen the report. Neither could it be learned if her quick fire had a chance to get into action. It was learned another destroyer passed the same position, but saw nothing unusual.

JEWELL IS NAMED HEAD OF NORMAL

Conway, April 17.—Dr. J. R. Jewell, dean of the University of Arkansas, today was elected president of the Arkansas state normal college, to succeed Dr. J. J. Doyno, who resigned some time ago.

Dr. Jewell has been in the university five years, coming from one of the Kansas state normals, and had previously been in Louisiana. The position pays \$3,000 a year, and he recently refused \$4,500 and \$6,000 positions at Gary, Ind., and in Nebraska, saying that he is not a superintendent, but a normal instructor and prefers to stick to his calling.

RAILROAD MAN SLAIN, POSSE KILLS NEGROES

Helena, April 17.—Two negroes, believed to have been implicated in the killing of A. L. Odom, railroad employee, at Lexa, several nights ago, were shot and killed near Aubrey, late today, by a posse searching for Odom's slayers, according to dispatches received here tonight.

The negroes, both of whom were armed with rifles, were shot to death as they emerged from a thicket.

DINNER FOR VISITORS.

Washington, April 17.—Dinner in honor of the British commission, headed by Foreign Minister Balfour, will be given by President soon after the arrival of the commission. The date of the arrival of the commission will be kept secret until their safety is assured.

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